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To: Real Estate Department Partners  
From: Real Estate Department  
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Re: **Fair Housing Month – IHCD Activities**

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**APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH!!!**

IHCDA's commitment to fair housing and civil rights extends far beyond the rules and regulations governing the federal funding we administer. IHCDA is committed to ensuring that all state residents have full, fair and equal access to housing, public services, and participation in civic life.

Leading up to and including the month of April, the IHCDA staff have and will be promoting Fair Housing Month. Here is a summary of events that have or will take place.

**February 2013**

Public Meetings – Analysis to the Impediments to Fair Housing

- Any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin that restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices.
- Any actions, omissions, or decisions that have the effect of restricting housing choices or availability of housing choices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin.

The scope of the focus groups was to identify any existing impediments as defined above within the State so that every effort can be made to address them. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing is required of any community receiving U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development formula grant funds. Interested parties attended at one of the following locations:

February 11, 2013 - Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority – Indianapolis, IN

February 12, 2013 - Lafayette City Hall Council Chambers – Lafayette, IN

February 18, 2013 - Omni-Room-Garden Level – Fort Wayne, IN

February 20, 2013 - Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation – Mitchell, IN

February 21, 2013 - Circle of Services - Hammond, IN

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### **March 26, 2013**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Terre Haute Human Rights Day at Indiana State University**

The annual Terre Haute Human Rights Day is a day-long event with the focus on a different article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights each year as the theme. The primary focus this year was the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

Each year a keynote speaker is featured along several other speakers, interactive workshops, diversity march, dramatic performances and a variety of other activities. While centered on the Indiana State University campus, the programming represents the work of many individuals from both ISU and the Terre Haute community, and will involve both public school and university students.

IHCDA staff presented an overview of Fair Housing as it relates to federally-funded programs and highlights of programs and opportunities for asset development, asset generation, and self-sufficiency.

### **April 18, 2013**

#### **Fair Housing Conference – “Equal Housing is STILL the Issue”**

*Indiana Government Conference Center (Rooms A-C) 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204*

April 11, 2013 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Federal Fair Housing Act. As part of the Fair Housing Month activities, the Indiana Civil Rights Commission (ICRC), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI), Back Home in Indiana Alliance, accessABILITY, and IHCDA seek to bring greater awareness and understanding of the rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws with this conference.

This one-day event, will provide information on fair housing laws, court cases, recent reports, legislative action, and activities to address housing discrimination. Some highlights of the day include staff from the HUD office in Washington D.C., a display of the Chicago Freedom Movement Photography exhibit, a lunchtime listening session with newly-appointed IHCDA Executive Director, Jacob Sipe, Jamal Smith (ICRC), and Amy Nelson (FHCCI). There will also be an opportunity for continuing education credits for attorneys and real estate agents.

This event is **FREE**, but seating is limited so pre-registration is required. Access to the photography exhibit does not require registration.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

